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Dear Sirs and Madams:

I believe that by allowing Microsoft to go forth into the world without even being required to ship a version of Windows without Internet Explorer and other free tools designed to trample competition amounts to little more than a slap on the wrist. It's obvious that they haven't learned their lesson. Example: bundling of a media player in Windows XP that directly competes with Real Player (tm) without even offering the individual a choice of programs to play files composed in Real's own format.

The battle is over for Netscape, and I'm fearful that it's nearly over for the US consumer as well. I envision a world ten years from now where Microsoft controls all software used on computers and to access the internet, both from the server end and the users' as well. Soon there will be only three things certain in life: death, taxes and the annual Microsoft subscription agreement.

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